

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 866

By Herron

A RESOLUTION to honor and recognize Sean Stapleton of Dyersburg High School on being named a finalist in the 2011 National Merit Scholarship Program.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should pause to pay tribute to those students who, through their natural talents and unflagging commitment to academic excellence, have distinguished themselves in the classroom; and

WHEREAS, Sean Stapleton is one such exceptional student who was recently named a finalist in the National Merit Scholarship Program, becoming the first student in the history of Dyersburg High School to receive such an honor; and

WHEREAS, annually more than 1.5 million students enter the National Merit Program by taking the Preliminary SAT/National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test, which serves as the initial screening for the program, with students also submitting a detailed resume of their high school experiences; and

WHEREAS, one of only 15,000 finalists nationwide, Sean Stapleton is highly regarded by the faculty and staff of Dyersburg High School, including Principal Jon Frye and School Counselor Connie Wright who consider the honor to be well-deserved by this tremendous young man; and

WHEREAS, as a National Merit finalist, Sean Stapleton will be considered for an array of scholarships within the program and may also have the door opened to attend a number of prestigious universities and receive the scholarships they offer; and

WHEREAS, Sean's display of intellectual aptitude and ambition surely bodes well for his future success, as an English major at either Furman University, Vanderbilt University, Wake Forest University, Rhodes College, or the University of Tennessee at Knoxville; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Stapleton's noteworthy achievement is a tremendous source of pride for his family and friends, Dyersburg High School, and the entire Dyersburg community; and

WHEREAS, Sean Stapleton's dedication to excellence is clearly deserving of the respect, admiration, and commendation of this legislative body; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED SEVENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we hereby commend and honor Sean Stapleton of Dyersburg High School on being named a finalist in the 2011 National Merit Scholarship Program and extend to him our best wishes for a happy, successful future.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.